

"The destiny of nations lies in the hands of women."
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Union." During 1891-92 the department gave instruction to seven hundred and twenty-five mothers.

As the result of several years of experience, the lectures to be given in the Central Courses this year have been written, and these will be sent in manuscript form to the Local Unions. In no other way, can the supervision of the work which is done away from Chicago be as accurate, nor the courses be followed as minutely as in this. It brings the members of the faculty into closer contact with the Unions and throws the proper responsibility upon the Unions. This course of study may begin the first week in October or later, and will continue through the year until the course is completed. An outline of topics to be studied will be sent to each class when organized, and a syllabus will accompany each lecture.

IV. MATERIALS.

With the written directions for all hand-work will be sent samples of the work, showing the different stages of its development. As the result of experience, it has been deemed best and most economical to furnish the materials used in this hand-work. It often happens that work left to be done outside of the class hours, is left undone; and since attainment must go hand in hand with insight to obtain a healthy development of the senses, the only way to insure the practical use of the gifts and occupations is to see that all work is done in the class. Also, a great deal of time, labor and training is necessary for the purchase of the right materials, and so many mistakes have been made in the selection and purchase of useless materials that in the future they are to be furnished to each mother. The fee charged for these is intended to merely cover the outlay and is placed at \$2 for the year. This includes the first, second and third gifts, and the materials used in the occupations.

IV. PLANS OF ORGANIZATION.

The work can only be well done when the Class is thoroughly organized and each member feels her own responsibility. Otherwise the work will devolve upon one or two. We submit a constitution which may be modified or changed to suit the needs of different Unions. In organizing, it must be clearly understood that each Union has entire charge of all local details and provides the necessary funds to carry on the work, the College furnishing instruction, material and supervision. At the same time, the College will cheerfully give suggestions and help to arouse enthusiasm in such places as can be conveniently reached, when the expenses incurred are paid by the local Union. At the beginning of each class, a blank report will be sent by the College to be filled out with names of all officers and members. In this way a complete record of each Union will be kept.

VI. THE CARE OF THE COLLEGE LECTURES.

All manuscript lectures sent to the Union will be mailed to the Secretary, who is held responsible for them. No member of the Union is allowed to borrow or copy these lectures, since they are copyrighted for future publication. To make this immediate return of the manuscripts and reports possible without great inconvenience to the Secretary, stamped envelopes will be sent with each weekly package, so that all papers may be enclosed in them when the class is over and posted without delay.

VII. FEES, SUGGESTIONS FOR RAISING MONEY, TICKETS.

For furnishing the lectures, the supervision of the work, the materials for fifteen members, and answering all questions which come through the Secretary, and all weekly express charges, the College fee for the year's work is \$150.

It is necessary to leave the local details as flexible as possible, so that the Union can be organized with as many or few

members as circumstances may permit. Therefore, the charge of \$150 for supervision and lectures will remain the same whether the class numbers thirty, fifteen, or ten. For a class of fifteen the \$150 also covers the expense of materials. If more than fifteen are in the class, an extra charge of \$2 each will be made to cover the added expense of materials.

This fee shall be paid in advance, or within one month from the beginning of the course. Tickets will be furnished each Union, which will be issued to each member when she has paid her fee, by the Treasurer of the local Union.

One membership ticket, admitting to the Central Chicago class, will be furnished each Union, and visiting members of each Union may use this ticket, or the local Union may delegate some one member to attend all Central classes.

In several ways money can be raised for the classes. In some places, women of wealth subscribe various sums to help the class along, the rest being raised by individual members. \$10 apiece will meet the College fee for a class of fifteen members. This is the rate charged in Chicago, and the local Unions will be given the same instructions as the Chicago mothers. It will also be a convenience to busy women to have the work taken to them.

A class of thirty would reduce the individual expense to \$6.

An entertainment, or a series of entertainments can be given to raise the money.

Church Guilds, Working Unions, and like organizations can reserve all surplus funds raised by the sale of tickets.

The Publication Department will make favorable discounts on sales of books published by the College, to societies that wish to establish local Unions.



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